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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1-7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) A tractor comprising:

a chassis including front and rear axles, the rear axle being a drive axle having a pair of drive wheels attached thereto;

an operator's station having a seat for an operator;

a cargo box supported by the chassis generally above the rear axle, the cargo box having a floor and upright walls; and

a hitch ball <u>removably</u> mounted above the rear axle for attachment of a trailer to the tractor <u>the hitch ball being fixed to a plate member and the tractor</u> <u>further having a pair of facing channels having an open end that receive opposite</u> <u>edges of the plate member to removably mount the plate and hitch ball to the tractor.</u>

- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 8 wherein the hitch ball extends upward through an opening in the floor of the cargo box.
- 11. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 10 wherein the hitch ball is removably mounted to the tractor and further comprising a cover to close the opening in the cargo box floor when the hitch ball is removed.
  - 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Currently Amended) The tractor as defined by claim 42 8 further comprising a catch to close the open end of the channels to trap the plate member therein.

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- 14. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 8 further comprising a three point hitch with links extending rearward beyond the rear axle.
- 15. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 8 further comprising a draw bar extending rearward from the axle.